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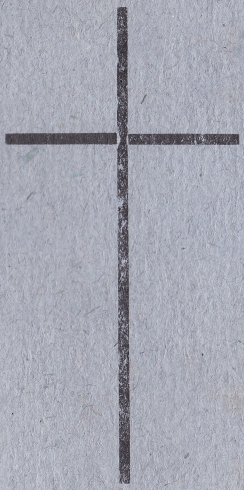

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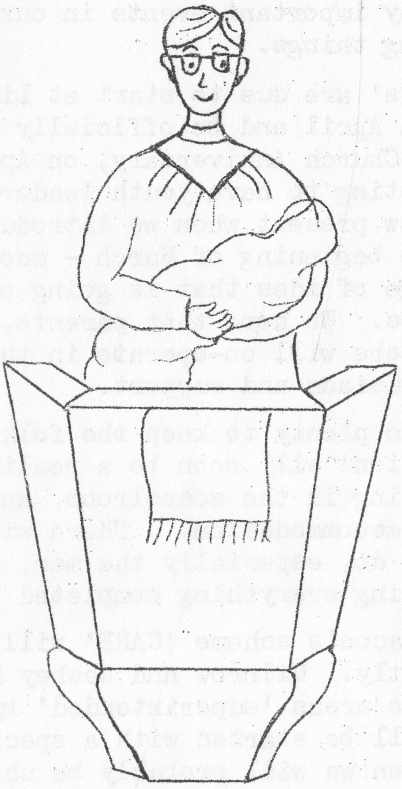

Multiple Births at the Manse.....

See page 3.

APRIL

1970

Dear Friends,

Things are beginning to happen aren't they? The united service we had on Palm Sunday may have proved to us that our two churches are beginning to think and act in a feeling of oneness. The spring heralds many important events in our churches - new and exciting things.

'Pilots' are due to start at Littleborough on Friday 17th April and be officially inaugurated at the Junior Church Anniversary, on April 16th. It was interesting to have youth leaders and deacons from Milnrow present when we introduced the organisation at the beginning of March - another example of the exchange of ides that is going on between the two churches. We hope that parents, children and church members will co-operate in the new organisation, showing enthusiasm and support.

There's plenty to keep the folk at Milnrow busy! 'Modernisation' will soon be a reality, with a suspended ceiling in the schoolroom, and new kitchen and toilet accommodation. There will be plenty for everyone to do, especially the men, and we look forward to seeing everything completed by next winter.

The Deacon's scheme 'CARE' will also be off the ground shortly. Milnrow and Newhey have already been divided into areas 'superintended' by deacons. The campaign will be started with a special Family evening, when we will probably be showing slides of our church and its work. When the date is announced, please try to be present. We are determined to find practical ways of helping people - not just our own, but everyone in our community. It is hoped that this new campaign will give us all incentive to answer the needs of people, and live out our Christian responsibilities.

The Easter experience had an astounding effect on the early apostles: faith, enthusiasm, determination, activity, hard work, prayer, power, life - all these were characteristics of the weeks after Easter. If they are the hallmarks of our Christian community

in Littleborough and Milnrow, then great things can happen. In the end it is up to us to prove that we have the Spirit of Christ.

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

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CONGRATULATIONS ON ADMISSION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

To MRS. JEAN CALOW of 31 Wellington Street, Milnrow, received in at the communion service on Sunday March 1st 1970.

To MR. & MRS. ARTHUR MELLOR and MISS ANNE MELLOR of Benthouse Cottage, Littleborough, received in at Family Communion on Sunday Feb.22nd 1970

HATCHED

On 15th March at Birch Hill Hospital to Rev. & Mrs. Glyn Jenkins, a daughter RUTH BRONWEN.

On 19th March at 24 Ladyhouse Close to Counc.& Mrs. Ian Royle, a son JOHATHAN PETER.

On 21st March at 196 Harbour Lane to Fluffy and Anonymous Tom, triplets (Gender unknown).

MATCHED

On Saturday 21st March at St. Stephens PATRICIA MILLINGTON of 2 Moorland Avenue, Milnrow. to JOHN WHATMOUGH of Rochdale.
Congratulations and Best Wishes.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AS ONE

This item is being written only a few hours after that glorious united service, and the Editor has so far been unable to collect his thoughts to make any worthwhile comment. An account of what took place would be an inadequate substitute for those who missed the occasion. Please help by sending the Editor just two thoughts or feelings or memories that you had about that service.

WIST YE NOT

The Choir, taking a break from rehearsing Stainer's 'Crucifixion' organised a Whist Drive on 28th February. This was an experimental Saturday afternoon venture which proved to be a tremendous success for it attracted over 60 people. If these Saturday afternoon functions are repeated they could become a serious rival to football matches and shopping - after all you can sit down to play whist. As yet, however there is no truth in the rumour that the Rochdale Chamber of Trade and the various football directors are seeking the advice of leading theologians on the precise meaning of the 49th verse of the 2nd Chapter of St. Lukes Gospel which says "Wist ye not...."

Next one: Saturday 4th April

NOT IMMACULATE

Slides of the "Holy Land" were shown to a very appreciative audience of over 30 Ladies Guild members on March 3rd. The show was given by Mr. & Mrs. Heywood of Chadderton, who had visited relatives in the Middle East. Apparently there is a belief among the Arabs that one day a Messiah will be born not, as you might expect, to a woman, but to a man. For this reason Arab men wear baggy trousers in readyness.....

Now we always thought it was because they had fallen out with their tailors.

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GUILD GOES FOR GILLON

At the A.G.M. of the Bury & Rochdale District Women's Guilds at Blackford Bridge on Wednesday afternoon 4th March, we were delighted that Mrs. E. Gillon was unanimously voted president elect, and will commence her year of office in March 1971. It was also agreed that the Summer Rally be held at Milnrow on the 3rd June.

The evening meeting was very well attended when Mrs. Evans of Ramsbottom was inducted as president by Mrs. Davey of Castleton the retiring president. Mrs. Evans gave the address, and also conducted the communion service at the conclusion.

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FAMILY READINGS

Theme: "THE RISEN CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT"
April 5th - May 31st

This is a long series on a theme most people find dull or unintelligle. The aim is to destroy these fatal impressions and to help folk see that in fact, the Holy Spirit is basic to Christianity, and our total experience of life, as the very air which fills our lungs from moment to moment.

No way out ideas, ambitious schemes this session. We will be looking at what made these Christians tick. We will stick to the Biblical record for our raw material, trying to enter into the experience of men centuries ago, who seem remarkably modern, when we focus close up on them. The Family Readings are from the Acts of the Apostles. (for St. Stephen's)

April 5th	Acts 1: 1-14	May 3rd	Acts 3: 1-10
12th	Acts 1: 15-26	10th	Acts 7: 48-60
19th	Acts 2: 1-21	17th	Whit Sunday
26th	Acts 2: 37-47	24th	Acts 9: 1-19
		31st	Acts 28: 1-15

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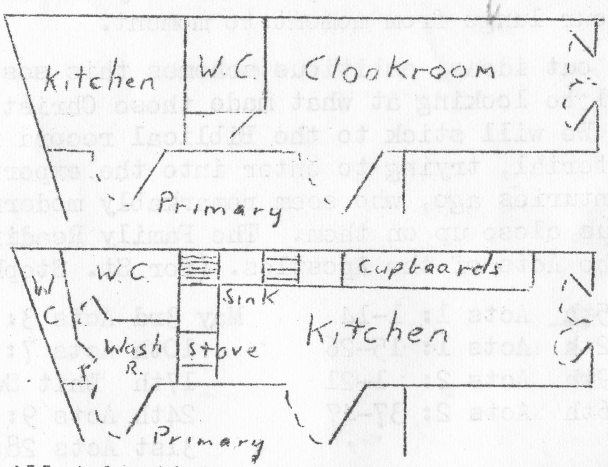
GOING TO COLLEGE

Mr. A. Roberts and Mrs. E. Gillon will be attending Week End Conference for Lay Preachers at Manchester College April 11/12 - 1970.

OPERATION REVAMP

We all know that St. Stephen's school premises are in various ways impractical.

1. The Schoolroom roof is higher than it needs to be and this wastes heat. So
   a. We will lower the lights a foot and a half. (Sorry 0.5 metres).
   b. We will remove the top and front of the stage.
   c. We will cover the sky lights. And then
   d. We will call in professional help to instal a false ceiling.
2. The walls are a bit scruffy. So
   a. We will remove or repair various pieces of woodwork - coat hooks, seats & doorways.
   b. We will plaster the walls. And then
   c. We will decorate.
3. Various passages and rooms are old fashioned. So
   a. We will board up alcoves and fireplaces.
   b. We will repair the floors. And then
   c. We will decorate.
4. Accommodation for toilets & kitchen are woefully inadequate so, if the church meeting approves we will do this.



This will take time, money and manpower, and the more manpower the less the time and money. Volunteers should sign the list in the schoolroom.

Don't wait to be asked!

SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

April 5th	Mr. A. Heaton	Mr. A. Bruckshaw
12th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mr. C. Pearson
19th	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins
26th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
May 3rd	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae

DEACONS ROTA

	Evening Worship Door Stewards	Vestry Duty
April 5th	Miss M. Wood Mrs. E. Starkie	Mr. J. Emmott
12th	Mrs. A. Whitworth Mrs. N. Settle	Mr. K. Hey
19th	Mr. P. Whitehead Mr. H. Whitehead	Mr. B. Clough
26th	No Evening Service Littleborough Anniversary	
May 3rd	Mrs. A. Scaddon Mrs. A. Wilson	Mr. H. Whitehead

COMMUNION ROTA

April 5th	Mrs. E. Gillon	Mrs. A. Scaddon
May 3rd	Mr. P. Whitehead	Mr. J. Emmott

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

April 5th	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. D. Hey
12th	Mrs. C. Clough	Mrs. Fletcher
19th	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. P. Whitehead
26th	Mrs. Graham	Mrs. Melvin
May 3rd	Mrs. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

April 5th	Miss L. Cross	Mr. K. Hey
12th	Mr. A. Heaton	
19th	Mrs. B. Stott	Mrs. H. Prestwich
26th	Mrs. A. Wood	

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Are you going to help during CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ?
April 13- 19th
Please give your name to Mr. A. Roberts, Church Sec.

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

April

Sat.	4th	2.30 pm.	Whist Drive & Afternoon tea 2/6
Sun.	5th	11.00 am.	Mr. H. Pearson (Shaw)
		6.00 pm.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Communion)
Mon.	6th	7.30 pm.	Bury Board Annual Rally Rev. Hugh Jones (Pres.C.C.E.W.)
Tues.	7th	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Guild "Delicatessen Demo" Mr. R. Anstess
Wed.	8th	3.00 pm.	Ladies Auxiliary - Castleton Rev. John Robinson (Radcliffe)
		7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
Sun.	12th	11.00 am.	Miss M. Burgess (Bury)
		6.00 pm.	To be announced
Mon.	13th		CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COMMENCES
Tues.	14th	7.30 pm.	Fashion Show, Bring & Buy 2/6
Sun.	19th	11.00 am.	& 6.00 pm. Rev. G. Jenkins
Mon.	20th	7.30 pm.	Overseas Evening -Milton (page 15)
Tues.	21st	7.30 pm.	Coffee Evening-27 Harbour Lane.
Wed.	22nd	3.00 pm.	Lancs. Cong. Union Womens Guild Rally at Bolton - Rev. Hugh Jones
Fri. 24th) Sat. 25th)			Lancs.Congl Union Annual Assembly - Wigan
Sun.	26th	11.00 am.	Mr. P. Whitehead No Evening Service (Littleborough Anniversary)
Wed.	29th	8.00 pm.	Church Meeting
Thur	30th	7.30 pm.	Christmas Fair Committee

May

Sat.	2nd	3.00 pm.	"Little Mod" Fashion Show 2/6
	5th	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild -N.W.G.B.Cookery demo.

OFFERTORIES

February	Envelopes			Cash			Total		
1st	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1st	15	18	6	8	11	5	24	9	11
8th	12	14	0	4	8	6	17	2	6
15th	11	17	6	5	15	4	17	12	10
22nd	13	16	6	4	13	9	18	10	3

Help will be needed for Christian Aid Week April 13-19t
An envelope collection will be organised and your suppo
is urgently required.
Please give your name to Mr. A. Roberts, Church Secreta

April

Fri.	3rd	7.00 p.m.	Jumble Sale (Junior Church)
Sun.	5th	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Farraday (Bury)
Tues.	7th	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild - open meeting Mrs.A. Rhodes - "Visit to Africa"
Sun.	12th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
		6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Fri.	17th	6.30 - 8 pm.	'Pilots'
Sun.	19th	10.30 am.	Mr. D. Nuttall (Hallfold)
Mon.	20th	7.30 pm.	Overseas Evening at Milton (page 15)
Tues.	21st	7.45 pm.	'Hat Parade' (Busy Bees)
Thur	23rd	7.45 pm.	Mens Fellowship
Fri.	24th	6.30 - 8 pm.	'Pilots'
Sun.	26th	10.30 am.)	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
		6.00 pm.)	Rev. G. Jenkins
		& inauguration of the 'Pilots'	

May

Sun.	3rd	10.30 am.	Mr. P. Whitehead (President of Rochdale Group of Cong.Churches)

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

April	5th	Mrs. Cockcroft
	12th	Mrs. Priestley
	19th	Mrs. W. Barker
	26th	Mrs. E. Booth
May	3rd	Mrs. R. Holt

OFFERTORIES

Feb.	15th	£	7.	1.	6
	22nd	£	9.	7.	0
Mar.	1st	£15.	9.	9	
	8th	£12.	1.	11	

SIDESMEN

April	5th	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. H. Hill	
	12th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. J. Holt	
	19th	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Brown	
	26th	Junior Church		10.30 am.
		Mr. Nairn	Mr. Ingham	6.00 pm.
May	3rd	Mr. Mellor	Mr. Barker	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

April	12th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. J. Holt
May	10th	Mr. Brown	Mr. Simpson

CRECHE ROTA

April	5th	Pat Schofield	Dorothy Mallinson
	12th	Beryl Hartley	Stella Moss
	19th	Brenda Leach	Margery Holt
	26th	Aileen Radcliffe	Barbara Griffiths
May	3rd	Pat Schofield	Dorothy Mallinson

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

April	5th	"Jesus comes to his friends" St. John 21: v.1-14	Mrs. C. Hill
	12th	"His promise of Power" Acts 1: V.1-8	Martin Law
	19th	"Telling of the risen Christ" 1 Cor. 15: V.1-8, 57 & 58	Mrs. K. Hill
	26th	JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY St. Matt. 5: V.13-16 St. John 8: V.12-20	
May	3rd	"Life in the Spirit of Christ" Romans 12:	Elizabeth Leac

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BEES HELP PILOTS

The Busy Bees' coffee evening and Bring & Buy sale on 10th March raised £9 as a starting fund for the 'Pilots'. Our minister showed an excellent film on the work of the missionary ship 'JOHN WILLIAMS VII,' which operates in the Pacific around the Gilbert & Ellis Islands. Mrs. Barbara Griffiths the Busy Bees Secretary gave a welcome to all and Mr. Roy Radcliffe explained the aims and ambitions of the Pilot Company which he will captain. They were thanked by Mr. Jenkins and the thanks was endorsed by the many adults and children who attended this very full evening.
The inauguration of 'The Pilots' will be on Sunday 26th April.

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DELVING INTO ANTIQUITY

Mr. Peter Duckworth was the speaker at the February meeting of the Men's Fellowship, and his topic was 'Antiques. Great interest was shown and there was much discussion on the buying and selling of all kinds of antiques, except wives and mother-in-laws etc. Mr. Simpson introduced and thanked the speaker and supper was served at the close.

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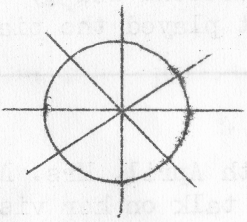

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LADIES SUNDAY - 1st MARCH

Mrs. A. Davey of Castleton, who is the retiring President of the Bury & Rochdale District Women's Guild, was the preacher at morning service on Ladies' Sunday. In the afternoon Rev. J. Halfpenny B.A., led the service when the ladies choir sang the introit "Holy Spirit Hear Us" and the anthem "Thou Art Our Light." The soloist was Mrs. Joan Law and the organist Mr.L.W. Greaves.

LEADING LADIES

The following officers of the Womens Guild were elected at the Annual General Meeting on March 3rd.

President & Treasurer:	Mrs. M.C. Hill
Vice President:	Mrs. K. Hill
Secretary:	Mrs. A. Stott
Pianist:	Mrs. E. Cockroft
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Refreshments:	Mrs. E. Crossley
	Mrs. E. Greenwood
Auditors:	Mrs. L. Holt
	Mrs. E. Whitehead

The meeting was preceded by devotions led by Mrs. C. Hill and Mrs. Cockcroft played the piano.

FAR & NEAR

At the next Ladies meeting on 7th April, Mrs. A. Rhodes will give an illustrated talk on her visit to Africa. All are welcome to this open meeting.

Those ladies who wish to join the trip to Bridlington on Tuesday, 28th July, should contact Mrs. Stott soon.

JUNIOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY 26th April 10.30 am. & 6.0 pm.

PREACHER: Rev. G. Jenkins
ORGANIST: Mr. L.W. Greaves

We extend a welcome to you to join in the 1st Anniversary of our Second Century.

GET YOUR COUPONS

Mrs. E. Crossley, the coupon secretary is now able to help you to save up for the Autumn Fair.
Mrs. K. Hill will be pleased to supply coupons to your children after Junior Church.

BEES IN BONNETS

The Busy Bees will be holding a "Hat Parade" on Tuesday 21st April at 7.45 p.m.
The hats will be provided by "Irene" of Oldham Road, Kinsway.
Admission price will be 2/6d. including refreshments.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AS ONE

What did you think of the joint service?

Write to the editor and share the thoughts, feelings and memories that you had on that occasion.
Signed or anonymous contributions are welcome.

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"Don't give advice accept responsibility."

THINK ABOUT IT

While exploring the famous Wadi-El-Awi Sir Humphrey Dumphry, the famous explorer was captured by a band of tribesmen and taken (of course) to their leader the Caliph of No Widhoa. The Caliph blind folded Sir Humphrey and put him into a room saying, "Count 100 then remove the blindfold, look around and read the note in your hand."

Sir Humphrey, a minute and a half later saw that he was in a room with only two doors and each of these had a sentry standing by it. He then read the note which said "One of the sentries always tells the truth and the other one always lies. One of the doors leads to instant death and the other to freedom. Get out -a- that."

Sir Humphrey asked one question to one sentry and with complete confidence walked straight out of the door to freedom.

What question had he to ask to be sure of finding the freedom door?

Last Months "Think About It"

E = 0	M = 3	R = 6	A = 9
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MINISTER

Dear Reverend Daddy,

Congratulations but "Snap!"

Yours sincerely,

Daddy Editor

C.C.W.M.

EXCUSE US.....

We are once again taking advantage of the leaflets published by the Congregational Council for World Mission, and have included one in each magazine this month.

It's title is "Excuse Me, C.C.W.M."

Have you seen it?

More important - have you READ it?

If not, please do, it answers many questions about C.C.W.M. and gives you Facts 'n' Figures on the back page.

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OVERSEAS EVENING

The Missionary Committee of the Rochdale Group of Congregational Churches are holding an 'Overseas Evening' at Milton Congregational Church on Monday 20th April at 7.30 p.m.

Three immigrants are expected to come along to speak briefly about the country of their origin, with particular reference to Christian Missionaries.

Light refreshments will be served at the close.

We look forward to the support of both our churches.

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SHORTAGE

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